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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING FOR CANDIDATES FOR BORDER SECURITY IN COMBATING TERRORIST TRAINING FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN NAIROBI, KENYA, JULY 27 - 31, 2009

REF: BUJUMBURA 276

 $\P1$. (SBU) The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of June 29, 2009, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the officers listed below:

Name: Felix Nurwabahungu

Rank: Colonel

DOB: November 21, 1959

POB: Buyengero, Burambi, Bururi, Burundi

Name: Alexandre Nurwabahungu Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

DOB: 1966

POB: Bubanza, Burundi

Name: Gabriel Bigabari

Rank: Colonel DOB: 1961

POB: Ngozi, Burundi

Name: Didace Soboke

Rank: Advisor

DOB: November 28, 1941

POB: Rukina, Jenda, Burundi

Name: Jospeh Gahungu

Rank: Political Director and Anallyst Prospective

DOB:

September 23, 1955 Kiririst, Rutovu, Burundi POB:

¶2. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties:

The Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individuals identified in paragraph 1 above, as of June 29, 2009.

13. (U) If in the future post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individuals listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training. CLINTON